

HONORING THE THAI MONARCHY

HON. HOWARD COBLEOF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Monday, December 5, 2011*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our best wishes to the King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej, today on his birthday. For more than half a century, King Bhumibol Adulyadej has applied technical ingenuity and resources to build his vision of a modern, prosperous Thailand. He has continually sought to improve the lives of the Thai people.

King Bhumibol's philosophy of a "sufficiency economy," developed and refined since the 1970s, provides guidelines for individuals and businesses on how to conduct themselves in

life. The King's philosophy emphasizes moderation, responsible consumption and resiliency. In 2006, in recognition of King Bhumibol's contributions to sustainable, human-centered development, the United Nations Development Programme awarded him its first-ever Human Development Lifetime Achievement Award.

Thailand has been America's friend since 1833 and our oldest Treaty ally in Asia. Our economies are tied together, our militaries train together, and our people-to-people ties have never been stronger. Again, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we are pleased to join our friends in Thailand as its people celebrate the Seventh Cycle Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMANOF COLORADO
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Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,073,380,701,589.57. We've added \$10,271,975,526,295.29 to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.